



Lucille B. (Mercurio) Gerace

December 12, 1929 - April 13, 2008

Mrs. Lucille B. (Mercurio) Gerace, age 78, of North Utica, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center following a long illness.

Born in Rome, NY on December 12, 1929, Lucille was one of fourteen children born to the late Bruno and Anna (DeSantis) Mercurio. She was raised in Rome and attended local schools. In May of 1946 she married Anthony Colenzo who passed away in 1969. She was blessed with a second union in February of 1971 when she married Joseph Gerace who passed away in 1973.

Lucille's primary responsibility in life was the care and upbringing of her children and grandchildren. An outgoing and compassionate woman, she loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was respected and loved by her neighbors, and they could always count on her in times of need. She loved music and took pleasure in watching game shows with her children and grandchildren. She always looked forward to visiting with her family and friends on trips to the casino. She was a past member of the Sons of Italy Lodge and was a faithful parishioner of St. Mark's Church where she developed a close spiritual relationship with Father Lucian.

Lucille is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia (Colenzo) and Tom Artessa of CT.; her sons and their families, Andrew and Jan Colenzo of Marcy, and Frank D. Gerace of N. Utica and Sherri Callahan; and her grandchildren, Fred Artessa, Jr. and fiancée, Dawn Fitzgerald, Jason Colenzo, and Jessica

Colenzo. Lucille also leaves behind Theresa, who was considered a daughter, and her husband David Thompson and their children Matthew and Michael, all of MA; three sisters, Yolanda Stramaglia, of CT, Anna Mae Malizia of FL, and Dolores Spado of Rome, NY; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and many cousins and in-laws. She will also be missed by her dear friends. She was predeceased by many brothers and sisters, and their spouses.

The family expresses sincere thanks to all family members and friends for their continued support and love for Lucille.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Lucille's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Mark's Church in North Utica where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
440 Keys Road
Utica, NY

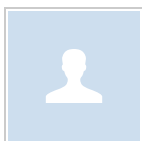
Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much Grandma, you're always in my thoughts and prayers. I love you with all of my heart, and we will see each other again some day. I know you're up there looking down here at us with a smile. So many great memories shared over the years, you touched a lot of people in a positive way. I love you Grandma, I miss you.

Jason###imported-begin##Jason Colenzo###imported-end##

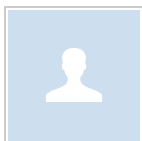
April 30, 2008 at 08:36 AM



“ Frank, Fred, Cindy, Andy, Jan, Jessica & Jason,
I am so sorry for your loss. Lucy was an amazing women. I loved every minute I spent with her and enjoyed her company. Just remember that she is in a warm, loving, peaceful place and will always be there with you. Look for the signs, she will let you know she is around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

~Gina###imported-begin##Gina Gaeta-Elsenbeck###imported-end##

April 19, 2008 at 11:21 PM



“ Cindy, Andy & Frank,
The best memory I have is visiting my sister two weeks ago. It was such a happy and caring moment we shared together. She will always be in my heart.

With love & prayers,

Sister Yolanda###imported-begin##Yolanda Stramaglia###imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 06:16 PM



“ sorry for your loss I met lucy as a young kid, over 40 years ago. She was a fixture of deland dr. She will be missed by all.##imported-begin##steve an cynthia nicotera##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 07:31 AM



“ In memory of Lucille
Our first train ride begins when we were first born. We meet people whom we think will be with us for the entire journey. These people are our parents.
Our parents are with us for as long as we absolutely need them. They to have a journey they must complete. Leaving behind the memories of their love,affection,friendships,guidence and their ever presence. There are others who board this train and eventually become important to us in turn. They are our brothers and sisters,sons and daughters,extended family and friends with whom we learned to love and cherish. Everyones journey will be filled with hopes,dream,challenges,setbacks and goodbyes. That the biggest mystery of our journey is that we don't know when our last stop will come. Seperation from family and friends can and will be painful. One thing for certain is that one day we will all arive at the main station only to meet up again. We are all on this train ride together and above all, we should all try to make the ride as pleasent and memorable as we can, right up until we each make the final stop and leave the train for the last time. Cindy, Andy, Frank, and all who Lucy loved and charished, remember her love will live on in each and everyone one of you. You will always be near and dear to her heart forever. Your all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Valerie Arcuri##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ Dear Cindy,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family .
She will be missed.*

Love,

Louise##imported-begin##Louise D'Onofrio##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ *Not enough can be said about our dear friend, Lucy, we were friends for over 35 years, with nary a bad word between us, She was sincere, with every respect, and held her family in high esteem, making her a special mother, grandmother and sister and special friend to all who encountered her. Lucy, will be sorely missed by the Steeres, when we look across the street to see if her light is on in her bedroom at nite, to make sure all is well, there will be no light in that room, but there will always be a light of Lucy's in our heart. Our family, all of them from as far away as New Jersey, sends the deepest condolences to all of Lucy's family. She loved you all, and will always love you, she is not here in body, but will love you in spirit.*

There is a saying, that we hold close to our heart: "GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE STARS, YOU MAY NOT SEE THEM ALL THE TIME, BUT YOU KNOW THEY ARE THERE. God Bless you all, Cindy, Frank, Andy and family.

Love Phyllis and Jim

We are here if you need us.....##imported-begin##Phyllis and Jim Steere##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 02:47 PM



“ Andy Cindy And Frank,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother we're praying that your heart will be comforted and your spirit at peace. I have very fond memories of her and will keep them in my heart.##imported-begin##Nancy & Marco Pimpinella##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 09:50 AM



“ To the Family Sorry for your loss. Aunt Lucy will be Greatly missed. Hold onto the loving memories that you have of her. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Cristy Pettit / Mercurio##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 09:21 AM



“ Cindy, Andy, Frank and Aunt Dee,
Though I am not there, know that my thoughts are with all of you. Aunt Lucy will be greatly missed.

Julie##imported-begin##Julie Dempsey##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 07:21 AM



“ Cindy, Andy & Frank - I will always remember the wonderful times with Aunt Lucy. Hold onto the wonderful memories you have of her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love - Cousin Michele##imported-begin##Michele Gallucci##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 09:34 PM



“ Fred and Dawn and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at
this difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Rodeo##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 04:23 PM



“ Andy, Jan, Cindy & Frank, my thoughts and prayers are with you as
you go through this awful time. There never will be another Sam,
she was the best. All my love, Fred##imported-
begin##Fred##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 12:22 PM



“ Frank & family,
We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. We wish we
could be there in person, but our thoughts are with you. Love,
Michele & Rob##imported-begin##Michele & Rob
Kirkwood##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 12:05 PM